Persons of Indian Origins (PIOs) for rural development. The procedures for such inflow of funds specifies that:-

(i) it should be incurred on *bona-fide* development schemes within jurisdiction of Panchayats;

(ii) such funds should be deposited in a designated bank account;

(iii) it should be reflected in the Budget of that Panchayat; and

(iv) details of such funds should be reported to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs through the State Government annually to meet the requirements of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

(c) According to the instruction issued by the Ministry of Finance, the State Government shall report the volume of funds received by Panchayats annually to the Ministry of Home Affairs. However, the instructions were issued only on 20th September, 2002 and no reports have been received so far.

Linking grants to States with performance in Rural Development

202. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a list of the States/UTs showing good performance in respect of rural developments;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether this is linked with grants for rural development; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to do so?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Rural Development has assessed the performance of the States/UTs in regard to utilisation of available funds and claiming the funds allocated to them.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.